(c) and (d) With a view to resolve the border dispute between Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, the Bihar-Uttar Pradesh (Alteration of Boundaries) Act, 1968 was enacted. The Haryana-Uttar Pradesh (Alteration of Boundaries) Act, 1979 was enacted in order to settle the border dispute between Haryana and Uttar Pradesh. The Central Government had constituted the Mahajan Commission in October 1966 to resolve the Maharashtra-Karnataka-Kerala boundary dispute. Three Commissions have so far been appointed to determine the areas of Punjab that should go to Haryana in lieu of Chandigarh. The Central Government got a study conducted on the boundary dispute between Assam and Nagaland in 1976 and constituted the Shastri Commission after clashes between the police forces of Assam and Nagaland in June 1985 to deal with the dispute between the two States. Similarly, a Tripartite Committee was constituted by the Central Government to deal with the border dispute between Assam and Arunachal Pradesh. The Central Government have made efforts from time to time to resolve the border disputes involving various States, though essentially it is for the concerned State Governments to resolve their differences through discussions and mutual accommodation.

Stamp Paper Scam

4844. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that an Inter-State gang (Maharashtra-Karnataka) has been exposed by Special Investigating Team which was responsible for Rs 4,000 crore stamp paper scam as reported in the media, and

(b) if so, whether Government are thinking in advising the State Governments to adequately guard themselves against recurrences of such events and are there any Central Government guidelines existing in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India. However, the Ministry of Home Affairs have issued guidelines to the State Governments from time to time to give more focused attention to improving the administration of the criminal justice system. Governments of Maharashtra and Karnataka have also been advised to handover these cases for thorough investigation by the Central Bureau of Investigation.